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1. In mid-July 1952, [redacted] 10 to 20 T-34 tanks in the garages on the western border of the Prenzlau airfield, south of the Jewish cemetery. About five 75-mm guns were seen in an adjacent shed. Some of the tanks had been detrained at the railroad station some days before and then turned over by Soviet personnel to the Volkspolizei at the airfield. About 25 x 76.2-mm guns with muzzle brakes were parked in the repaired shed No 3 at the southern edge of the landing field. Eighteen field kitchens on pneumatic tires were seen under an open shed. (1)
2. According to a VP Unterkommissar, tank, signal and artillery units of the Volkspolizei were stationed at the airfield, while the VP infantry units were quartered on Alsen Strasse. (1)
3. In the afternoon of 11 August, 15 T-34 tanks were being unloaded by VP personnel in Prenzlau. The tanks proceeded to the barracks installation. In the morning of 15 August, 10 tanks with T-34 chassis which had just been detrained were seen in front of the railroad station. The tanks had a very flat turret and a very long gun barrel. They had been escorted by Soviet and Volkspolizei. (2)
4. In the afternoon of 1 September, 10 T-34 and 5 SU-3 tanks were unloaded by VPs at the Prenzlau railroad station. (3)
5. In the morning of 12 September, a train with about 45 T-34/43 tanks escorted by VPs was seen on the siding of the Prenzlau railroad station. (4)

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- (1) The tanks and artillery pieces arrived in May and June 1952. [redacted] The barracks installations at the [redacted] and on Nissen Strasse were previously known as being occupied by Kasernierte Volkspolizei Dienststelle 1213. 25X1
- (2) This shipment of tanks may be identical with tank shipment, [redacted] reported previously. [redacted]
- (3) These tanks may be part of shipments mentioned previously. [redacted]
- (4) This tank shipment is reported for the first time.

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